

Wisconsin School for the Deaf

- WSD -

Everything You Want
(and Need) to Know

AM Session: Marla Walsh, MS/HS Principal

PM Session: Constance Gartner, Elementary/AED Principal

Special guest: Gayle Kubiski

Welcome! Bienvenu!

Our Agenda

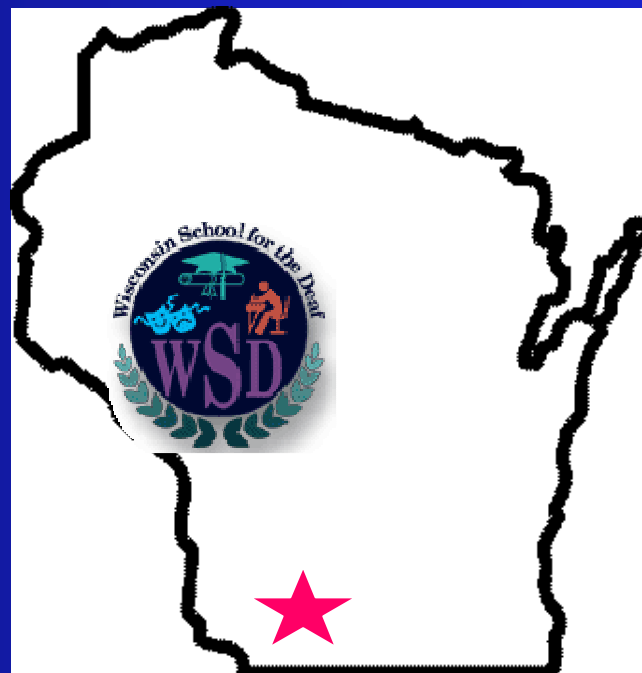
WSD demographics: students and staff

WSD program description

WSD - one family's journey

Your Qs & As

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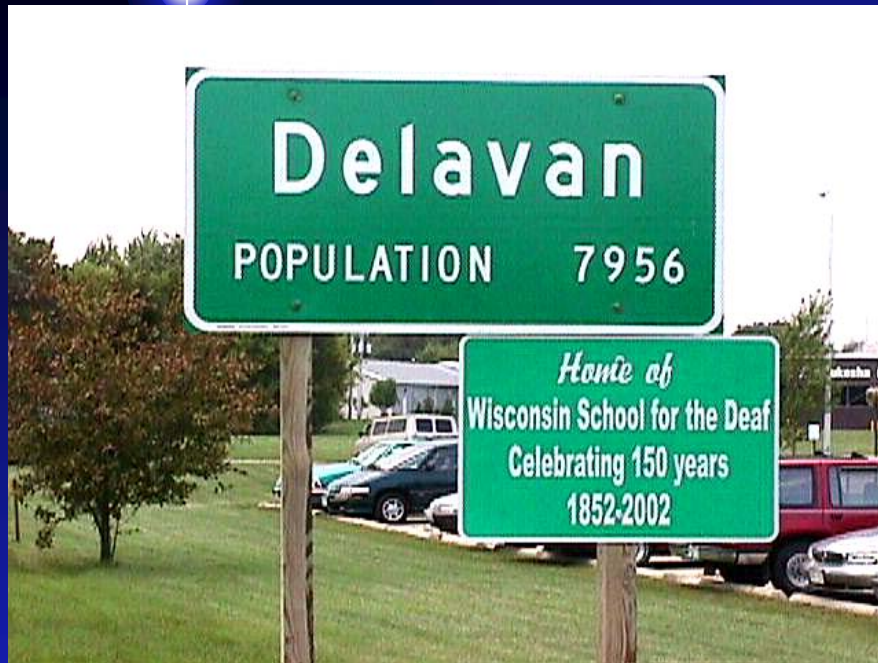


Delavan, Wisconsin

Founded 1852

Over 150 years of Educational Excellence!

The Wisconsin School for the Deaf, serves families from all over the state of Wisconsin.



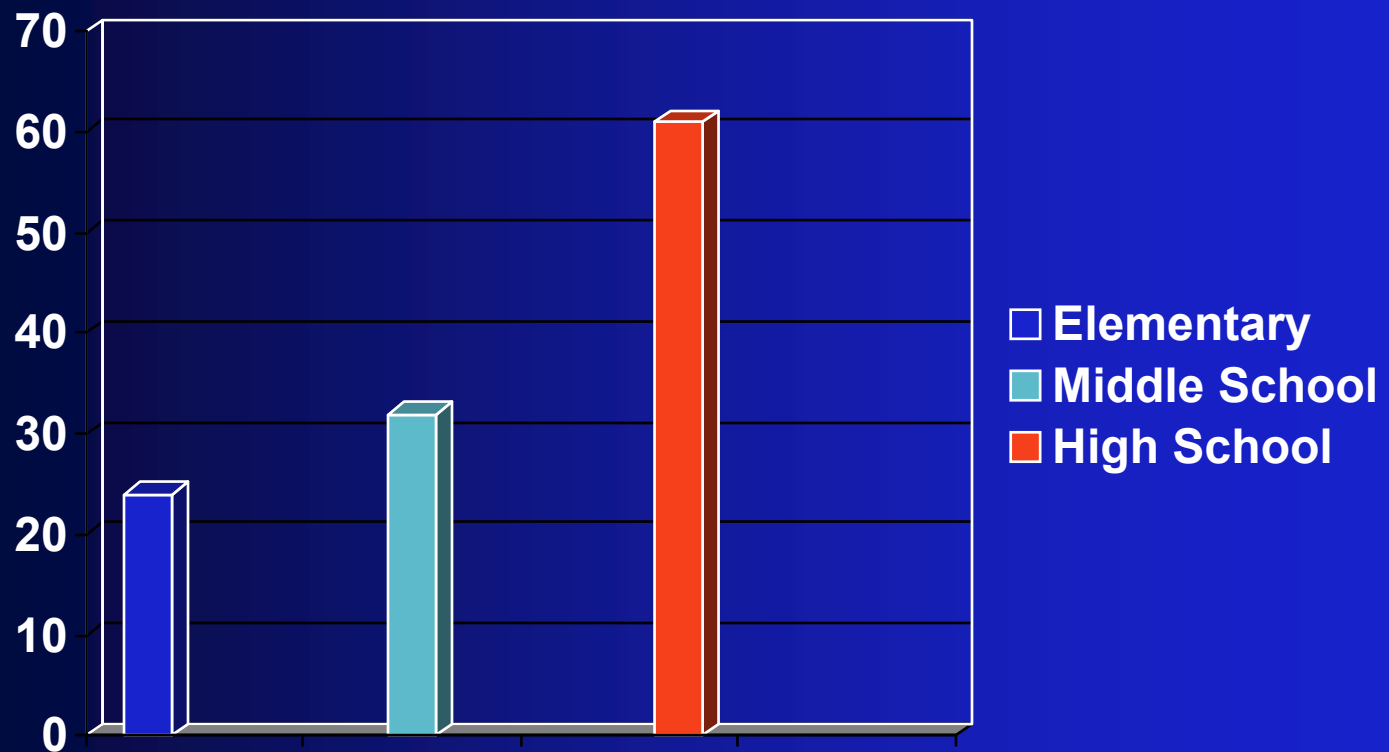
WSD serves approximately 10% of the deaf and hard of hearing school age children in Wisconsin.

WSD is sited on a beautiful 23 acre campus in rural Delavan.



08 - 09 Student Demographics

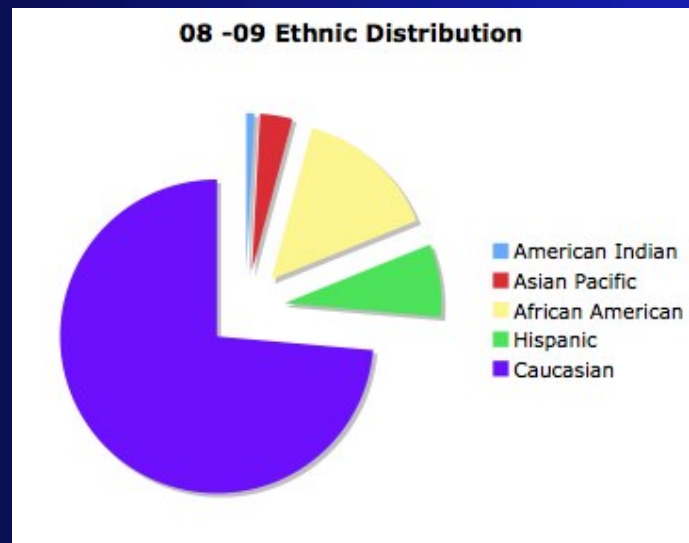
Total Enrollment: 117 students



Boys: 65

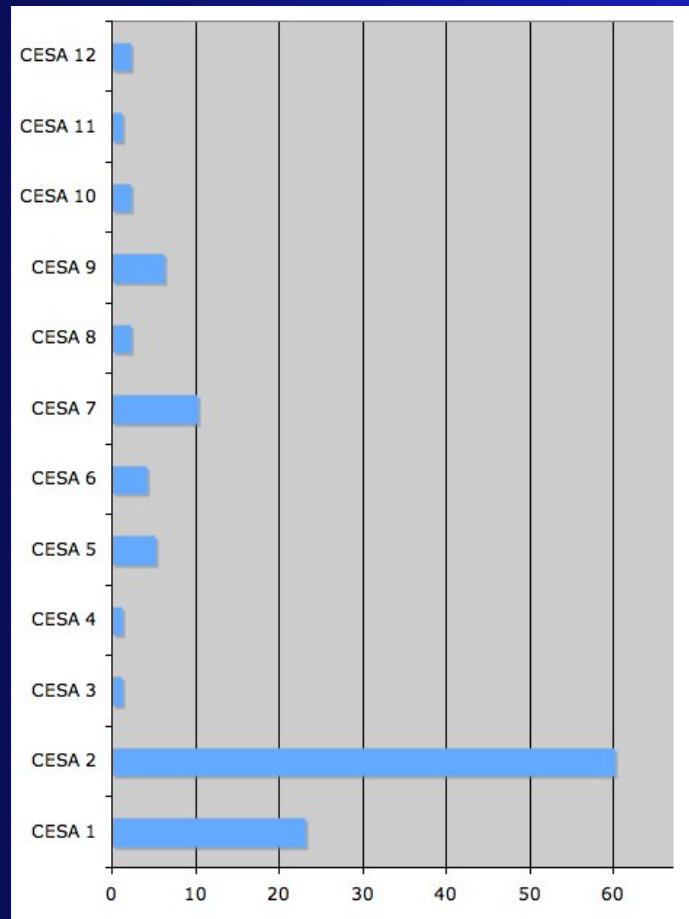
Girls: 52

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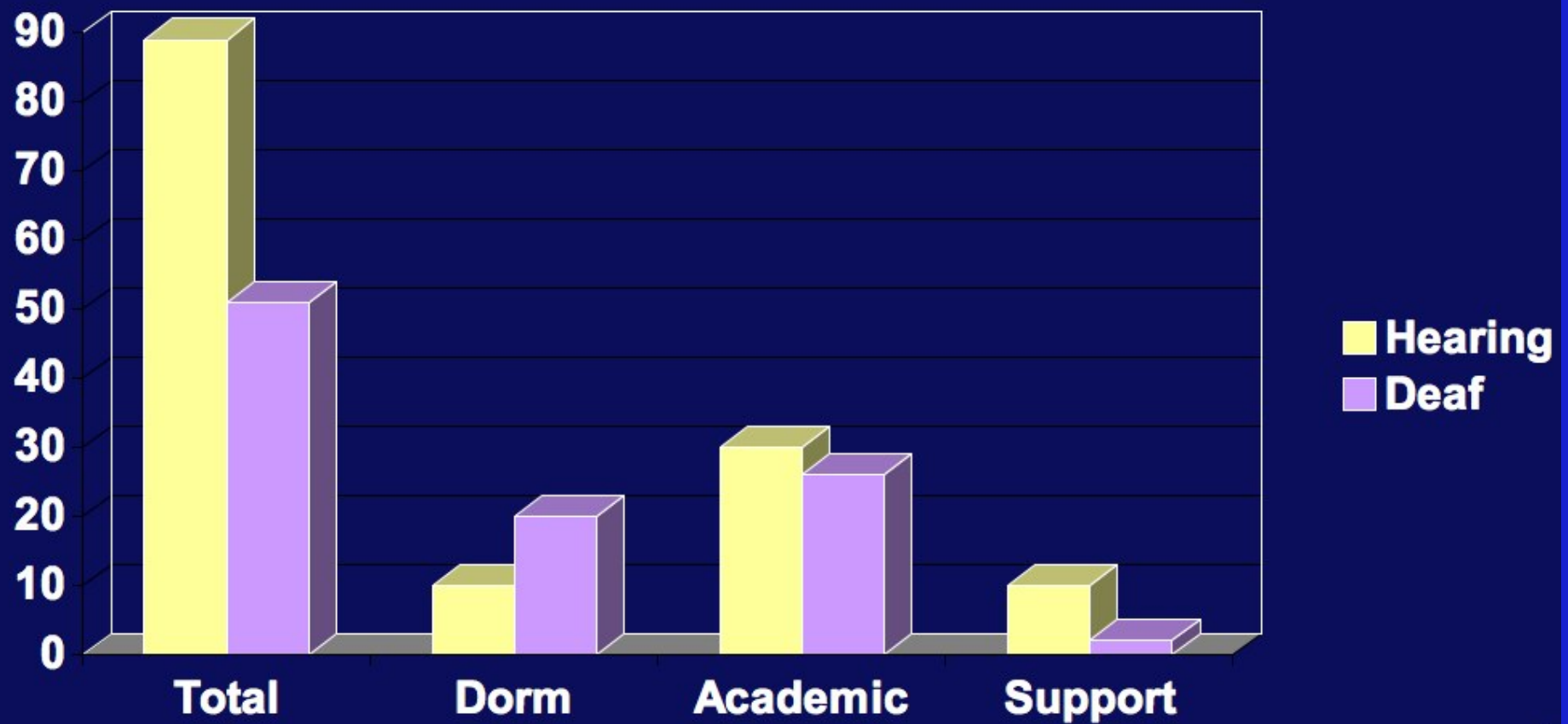


08 - 09 Student Demographics

Geographic Distribution of Students



08 - 09 Staff Demographics



Total staff: 140 (D: 51, H: 89)

WSD Academic Programs

- **WSD's curriculum is aligned with the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards.**
- **Students in all grades have required courses similar to students in regular education.**
 - **Students in grades K - 12 have additional course requirements in ASL and Deaf Studies.**
- **WSD provides a ratio of approximately 1 academic staff for every 4 children.**
 - **WSD has 100% participation in WKCE**

Innovative Technology



- WSD supports both Mac and PC platforms
- Each of WSD's 35 classrooms has an interactive SMART board
- Wireless access in classrooms, meeting rooms, and library
- Videophones available throughout campus
- Students and teachers are creating podcasts, websites, and WIKIs
- Computers on each dormitory floor (and in many dorm rooms)
- 14 station technical education classroom
- Distance learning technology for the virtual classroom
- Email and chat software provided free of charge for WSD students and their families
- Students are instructed in the use of Web 2.0 Tools, internet safety, and appropriate use

Elementary Department

Focuses on building strong language skills in both ASL and English



Hard at work



Working on projects



At the apple orchard

WSD Middle School Department



WSD's middle school focuses on the education of students in 6th through 8th grades. Specific attention is given to the unique intellectual, physical, cultural and social changes that are occurring in Deaf/Hard of Hearing adolescents.

WSD's High School Department

- ❖ Requires completion of 25 credits to qualify for a WSD diploma.
- ❖ Course requirements meet state criteria with additional emphasis in English, American Sign Language, Deaf Culture, and transition planning credits.



- ❖ Elective options include technology, art, driver education and much, much more!

Residential Program

- Provides for whole child development.
- Enhances language and social/emotional development.



➤ Attractive modern residential facilities with fully visible alarm systems.

➤ Captioned TV and TTYs

➤ Video Phone stations



Modern play grounds



First rate athletic facilities.



Extra Curricular Activities

At WSD extra curricular activities include sports...



Hot competition in the
Neesam Gym



WSD's packed trophy case



WSD offers extra curricular opportunities for whole child development. Over 80% of WSD's elementary, middle, and high school students participate in extra curricular activities.



And other extra curricular activities...

- ✓ Student Judicial Board (Dorm)
- ✓ Jr. NAD
- ✓ National Honor Society
- ✓ Senior Yearbook
- ✓ Student Body Council



Drama Club



The Grinch Who Stole
Christmas - Winter '08

Academic Bowl

WSD participates annually in the Academic Bowl Competition with both, hearing and deaf schools. In 2009 WSD the Midwest Regional competition, hosting 16 teams from Midwestern DHH programs.

WSD Support Services

Speech/Language/Audiology

Pupil Services Team

OT/PT





Health Center

The Health Center is staffed with registered nurses who oversee the health of students 24 hours per day.

Food Service

Food Services provides balanced, nutritious meals free of charge for all students.



The John and Evelyn Gant Memorial Library.



The WESP-DHH library serves as a clearinghouse of information for anyone interested in learning about deafness, ASL, education, disability rights, and related issues. We are part of the Badgernet network which means that anyone can borrow from our library with an account. Go to our website and browse the library for further information!



Research in the Library



Classroom scenes



ASL-English Bilingual Professional Development

The Star Schools Program is an innovative, research based program that trains teachers to use proven bilingual techniques and strategies using the student's native ASL to teach English as a second language. Staff receive 4 semesters worth of instruction including theory on first and second language acquisition.





Please join us for 2009 Summer Camps!

July 12 - July 31, 2009

Drivers Ed

Basketball

Transition

Outdoor

Special Olympics

Brochures available at the WSD table!



Please welcome: Gayle Kubiske
(aka Alex's mom)



Please ... your questions!



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